

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING BOB BEVERLY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this moment to recognize a remarkable citizen of Grand Junction, Colorado, Bob Beverly. Bob has for over three decades worked tirelessly, promoting the sport of skiing on the western slope of Colorado. Recently Bob was inducted into the Colorado Ski Museum Hall of Fame and I would like to honor his contributions to the State of Colorado.

Bob is a native of the Colorado ski country growing up in Steamboat, Colorado. After moving to Grand Junction in the 1950's he actively worked to help promote skiing in western Colorado. He was an instrumental player in founding the Grand Mesa and Mesa Creek ski areas, two areas that are unfortunately no longer in existence. Despite the difficulties with these two resorts he continued to promote skiing in the capacity of constructing volunteer ski patrols, in order to ensure the safety of Colorado's skiing community.

Bob's greatest contribution to the Grand Valley came when he founded the highly popular and successful Powderhorn ski area. He not only worked tirelessly to raise money to fund this enormous undertaking, but also helped to clear the area's first ski runs.

Bob's contributions to the Grand Valley and the Colorado ski community are immeasurable and he is well deserving of this distinguished honor. On behalf of the State of Colorado and the U.S. Congress I congratulate Bob on his induction into the Colorado Ski Hall of Fame and wish him the very best in his future endeavors.

CONCERNING VIOLENCE IN
MIDDLE EAST

SPEECH OF

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 24, 2000

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, as a co-sponsor of this resolution, I rise in strong support of its passage today. This important measure, introduced by my colleagues International Relations Committee Chairman BENJAMIN GILMAN and Ranking Member SAM GEJDENSON, expresses the United States' solidarity with the State of Israel and condemns the recent acts of Palestinian violence in the Middle East.

H. Con. Res. 426 calls upon the Palestinian leadership to honor its obligations under the Oslo Accords, to resolve its concerns peacefully at the negotiating table, and to cease inciting its people to violence. This resolution

also calls for the Palestinian Authority to vigorously employ its security forces to restore order and to safeguard holy places of all faiths. Without Chairman Arafat's adherence to these basic obligations under Oslo, efforts to salvage the peace process and improve the lives of both Israelis and Palestinians will surely fail.

This resolution was offered in response to weeks of tension in the Middle East and sends a clear message condemning Palestinian violence. This resolution will not only signal to Chairman Arafat that America abhors his calculated use of violence, it will also signal to nations across the Middle East and around the world that the American people stand by Israel—our democratic ally and closest partner in Middle East peace. At a time when Hezbollah leaders are broadcasting appeals for the murder of Israelis, and when the rogue states of Iraq and Iran are renewing calls for Israel's destruction, the United States must transmit a clear, unmistakable message of support for Israel.

This legislation compliments another measure—H.R. 5522—which I recently offered with my colleagues ANTHONY WEINER, MATT SALMON, and PETER DEUTSCH, to cut funding for the Palestinian Authority pending a peaceful resolution to the conflict in the Middle East and full renunciation of violence. H.R. 5522 would immediately cut approximately \$33 million in non-humanitarian U.S. aid directed to the Palestinian Authority projected to be included in the Fiscal Year 2001 budget. The bill contains a provision allowing the President to waive the proposed sanctions upon certifying that the Palestinian Authority has renounced violence as a means of political expression, and that the violence has actually subsided. I believe this bill, in conjunction with the resolution we are considering today, appropriately signifies the breadth and scope of U.S. resolve.

The acts of violence committed by the Palestinian Authority has again plunged the Middle East into a deep crisis. The progress realized through years of difficult negotiations in the Middle East offered hope to all Israeli's who desire a final peace with true security, while offering Palestinians the hope of greater sovereignty. This progress was achieved because both sides negotiated in good faith, and developed trust and understanding. The Israeli government demonstrated its commitment to peace at Camp David, when it offered unprecedented compromises to end the conflict. At this time of great peril, the U.S. must state its strong commitment and support for the State of Israel.

I urge my colleagues to support Israel and vote for this passage of this resolution.

IN MEMORY OF GARY MCPHERSON

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 2000

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Colorado State Representative Gary McPherson—a husband and father of three, a public servant, a self-made individual, and a leading citizen of Arapahoe County and the great State of Colorado, who recently passed away.

On October 12th of this year, Colorado suffered a tragic loss with the passing of my friend, Gary McPherson. Gary represented State House District 40 for the last six years and was considered a rising star in Colorado's political realm. At 37 years of age, he was a respected lawyer as well as a distinguished lawmaker. He always had a smile on his face and was willing to share advice on anything from legislation to how well the Nebraska Cornhuskers were going to do next season. His legislative accomplishments run the gamut from protecting property rights and seeking tougher criminal sentencing to returning TABOR tax surpluses to Colorado taxpayers, reducing the State income tax rates, and bringing a special civility and decorum to the State House floor.

Gary was the quintessential citizen legislator, he began his public service as a precinct leader in southeast Aurora and hosted local caucuses for the surrounding precincts. During this time, gained the respect of the community and was appointed, in 1995, to fill the vacancy in his local House District. Gary established himself as a leader in the State Legislature, becoming the chairman of the 13 member House Finance Committee as well as serving on the Appropriations and Judiciary committees.

His honesty and forthright approach to every endeavor was highly valued and respected by his colleagues. His dedication to the Colorado Civil Air Patrol, where he participated, has led his family to ask that contributions be directed to them in his memory.

Let the permanent RECORD of the Congress of the United States reflect that Gary McPherson was a gentleman of proud Scottish heritage, a father to three lovely daughters: Christina, Elizabeth, and Ashley, and loving husband of Shelley, and that he will be missed by one and all.

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